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IRVING/PINKNEY TELECON 7/15

CONFIRMING INFO REF TELECON, FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING VISIT OF AMERICAN REP TO CELEBRATION:

1. SPECIAL CREDENTIALS ARE NEITHER EXPECTED NOR DESIRED BY GOI. THERE WILL, IN ANY CASE, BE NO OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEM TO ICELANDIC OFFICIALS.

2. FOREIGN REPS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO PRESENT WRITTEN GREETINGS FROM CHIEF OF STATE. SUCH GREETINGS MAY BE INCLUDED IN THREE-MINUTE SPEECH EACH REP WILL MAKE AT THINGVELLIR.

3. SPEECH SHOULD LAST NO MORE THAN THREE MINUTES AND FOCUS ON COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS OR BACKGROUND BETWEEN ICELAND AND U.S. AND SHOULD BE GENERAL IN NATURE.

4. REQUESTS FOR PRIVATE MEETINGS BETWEEN FOREIGN REPS AND GOI OFFICIALS ARE TO BE "DISCOURAGED" SINCE SUCH OFFICIALS WILL BE COMPLETELY TAKEN UP WITH CELEBRATION DUTIES.

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5. DRESS FOR MEN WILL BE DARK BUSINESS SUIT ON ALL OCCASIONS

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EXCEPT FOR FONMIN'S DINNER JULY 28. THAT FUNCTION WILL BE BLACK TIE. LONG DINNER DRESS WILL BE APPROPRIATE FOR WOMEN. GUESTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DRESS WARMLY FOR OUTDOOR OCCASIONS AND HAVE RAINCOATS AND HATS AS WELL AS GOOD WALKING SHOES.

6. ICELANDIC POLICE WILL SUPPLY ADEQUATE PROTECTION.

7. ESCORT OFFICER FOR AMERICAN REP WILL BE HORDUR HELGASON, DEP. SEC. GEN. OF FOREIGN MINISTRY (WITH MINISTERIAL RANK).

8. PRIVATE CARS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT THINGVELLIR AND ALL DELEGATES WILL TRAVEL TO AND FROM REYKJAVIK BY SPECIAL BUS.

9. GIFTS FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE NOR AT THINGVELLIR CEREMONY. IT IS PLANNED TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT DURING PRIMIN'S LUNCH JULY 29.

10. BY SEPTEL, AMB AND MRS. IRVING HAVE INVITED AMERICAN REP AND WIFE TOGETHER WITH THREE AIDES TO BE THEIR GUESTS AT OFFICIAL RESIDENCE.
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